

claims directed to two distinct species, wherein the second agent is either A) CD28 specific-antibody or B) B7-1. Applicants elect the species of anti-CD28 antibodies for examination at this time.

This election is made with traverse. Applicants respectfully submit that the search of species A and species B will not be unduly burdensome to the Examiner. Art relevant to species A (anti-CD28 antibodies) will inevitably reveal art relevant to the other species, B7-1, as the subject matter of each group is directed to agents that stimulate an accessory molecule on the surface of a T cell causing the T cell, along with the first agent, to proliferate. As such, Applicants submit that simultaneous searching would not be unduly burdensome.

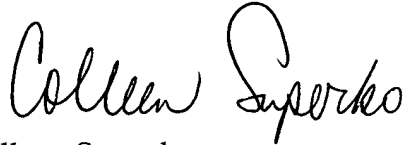
If the species election is maintained, Applicants understand that upon a finding of a generic claim, Applicants will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all of the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 C.F.R. § 1.141.

Applicants have also filed concurrently herewith a copy of the Formal Drawings. Further and favorable consideration of all the claims of record on the merits is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes any informalities remain in the application which may be corrected by Examiner's Amendment, or there are any other issues which can be resolved by telephone interview, a telephone call to the undersigned attorney is respectfully solicited.

No additional fees are believed to be due in connection with this filing, except for the Petition for a One (1) Month Extension of Time. However, please charge any underpayments or credit any overpayments to our Deposit Account No. 08-0219.

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